

Jesus for Jews

A letter to my Jewish Brothers and Sisters
inviting them to join thousands of
Messianic Jews
in the Kingdom of God
through faith in our Jewish Messiah
Yeshua HaMashiach!

Father Abraham Believed!

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TO MY JEWISH BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

If you are a Jewish reader, you and I and I are part of God's chosen people, Israel. Israel is comprised of the Jewish people who actually live in Eretz Yisrael, and those like myself who live in Diaspora, in the Nations. I am an American Jew and so proud to live in a country that provides me the religious freedom to decide for myself how to express my faith. I have chosen of my own free will to become a Jewish Believer in Jesus as my Messiah. I call myself a Jewish Christian or Messianic Jew. I am part of Israel.

In fact, I am an Ordained Pastor and Messianic Rabbi and founder and leader of a Messianic Jewish Ministry in Marietta, Georgia, called Beth Chaim, House of Life. When I first became a Believer I was only 25 and came to faith in Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I had never heard of the word Messiah.

I accepted the truth of Jesus as my savior in my twenties because I knew I was a sinner and needed God's forgiveness and help in finding meaning in my life. As King Solomon, our third Jewish King of Israel, known in scriptures, as the wisest person who ever lived, I began to see life as a "Chasing after the wind." Ecclesiastes

As most of my fellow Jewish Americans, I was brought up to chase the American dream of wealth, status, power, money, education, materialism and happiness. My happiness included doing Jewish traditions and keeping the most important Jewish Holidays, even though I had no personal relationship with God.

Everything I based my life on, including the love of family, women, friends and Jewish life was conditional. People's love for us and our own love for ourselves and others frequently changes based on our mutual expectations. I began to realize that our objects of our worldly affection are created. When we depend on them rather than God for our self-worth we are frequently, if not eventually always, disappointed

At 25 years of age, I was ready to build my life on something that would provide constant non-changing meaning. I took a chance on accepting Jesus as my savior. I repented of my sins and accepted Jesus' righteousness as my own. I had what many Christians call a Born Again experience.

Over the past 21 years I have experienced the unimaginable love of an infinite, divine and omniscient God. I can share with you without any reservations, that Jesus is Yeshua HaMashiach, the Jewish Messiah and not a strange God created by the imagination of the Gentile world. He is truly the God of humanity, both Jews and Gentiles. Jesus' name while he walked on earth was Yeshua, which means Yahweh Salvation. It comes from the same root as Joshua who through faith and obedience to God led the Israelites into the Promised Land of Israel so many thousands of years ago.

I have learned and experienced through discipleship, scripture study and training, praise, worship, and revelation of the living God that all Christian concepts are really founded on the Jewish scriptures, called Torah (First Five Books of Moses), and Tenach for the full Jewish Bible.

The story of Yeshua begins with creation. Our Father Abraham Believed in God's ability to resurrect the dead and to come to our world. Abraham began his life as a Gentile and not a Jew. He became the Father of the Jewish people only because of His faith and not because of his own righteousness.

We will learn in this paper that Christianity is the extension of Judaism back to Abraham's Gentile family through faith in Messiah, Jesus Christ, and to his Hebraic family through the same Faith.

A Jew does not have to convert to become a Christian, rather a Jew accepts his birthright as the descendant of Abraham to receive forgiveness and eternal life in the paradise of God.

A Gentile does not convert to Judaism to become a Believer and follower of the Jewish Messiah, rather they are grafted into the Covenants and promises that God gave to Israel through their Faith in Yeshua.

Christianity is the reunion through of Abraham's Gentile family with His Jewish family through their marriage to the Jewish Messiah, Yeshua HaMashiac.

Yes, I understand that many Gentile Christians have expressed anti-Semitic feelings to Jewish people, and even committed great atrocities in Jesus' name. This has made our people feel like they should not know Jesus as Yeshua their Messiah. First I apologize for the fact of anti-Semitism, even in the Church and its history. Never-the-less, God has also called our people great sinners, even in our Torah and Tenach. Yeshua came and is living in the hearts of Believer's today. He will eventually wipe the sin of hate from all of His children.

Let me show you through the Jewish and Jewish-Christian scriptures that Jesus is worthy of your love and worship as the God of Israel. He is the God of the Shema. He is our Messiah High Priest and King.

Yeshua is returning to redeem the remnant of Israel and restore Israel to glory in the Messianic age. He came first as the suffering servant, not in weakness, but as our God who died for you and me to take the wages of sin, death, upon himself. He paid your penalty of sin, just as he has for all humanity. This is a Jewish concept and only more fully revealed in Yeshua and the New Testament.

We frequently call people who die for us heroes. Yeshua is much more than a great hero he was resurrected from death and now sits at the right hand of God as your intercessor with God. Intercession is what the Israelites requested of God after they heard God's voice from mountain from which Moses went to received our ten commandments.

God will restore all humanity to the paradise of Eden, for all who will Believe in Yeshua and be saved.

I believe in Yeshua, many thousands of other Jews believe world-wide, even in Israel. As importantly, our Father Abraham believed! Wont' you learn more...

ITS ALL ABOUT GOD'S BLESSINGS TO ABRAHAM

Do you recall that Abram was called by God to leave his family, land, and pagan religion to move to a strange and alien land and worship Him? Abram believed in the one true invisible God, contrary to his idol worshipping parents, family and countrymen.

Genesis 12:1-3

¹The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. ²"I will make you into a great nation and I will

bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

Think about it, you would not be a Jew and enjoy Jewish culture and religion if one man did not choose to trust and act in faith to do God’s will over the will of his family, religious leaders, and countrymen. Think about this...you may not enjoy the blessings of God’s Kingdom if you do not step out in faith and choose to trust in God’s will over the will of your family!

The Kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom existing in the changed hearts of Believers [in Yeshua as the Messiah]. You can only belong to the Kingdom of God through a spiritual rebirth of your spirit and soul so that you are reborn a creature seeking submission to God’s will, and not your own. When you permit Yeshua to be your atonement for sins and to be your Lord, your sin-debt (past, present, future) was paid, and God sees you as a righteous being worthy of eternal life. You have the conviction of righteousness to grow into a priest for the Kingdom.

I hope by the end of reading this paper you will realize that no one is okay without the atonement of sin that comes from faith in Yeshua as their blood sacrifice. Let me answer the question, “What’s in it for Jews who are not seeking personal salvation from their sins?” A personal relationship with your Creator!

The greatest experience a person can have while on this earth is to experience a personal relationship with God. To know God loves you personally and will talk to you through your prayers and through the spirit inside you is an awesome miracle that comes through faith in the Messiah. To know God is working to provide for you and is with you in your deepest troubles and in your greatest victories is comforting and life-changing.

To begin to explain this, let us review how we as a people have historically related to God. After the Exodus, God spoke to Moses and the whole Israelite community from Mt. Sinai. The Israelites became so fearful of hearing God’s voice that they told Moses to be an intercessor for them from that point forward. They wanted the Priests and the Prophets to be their intercessors with God.

Deuteronomy 5:2-5

²The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. ³ It was not with our fathers that the LORD made this covenant, but with us, with all of us who are alive here today. ⁴ The LORD spoke to you face to face out of the fire on the mountain. ⁵ (At that time I stood between the LORD and you to declare to you the word of the LORD, because you were afraid of the fire and did not go up the mountain.)

Deuteronomy 18:15-16

¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. ¹⁶ For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.”

To this day, most Jews see God as the God of the Israelite community and not as a personal God who cares about their everyday concerns, needs, and wants. This is why many Jews prefer to hear the Word of God from their Rabbis rather than seek a personal relationship with God. This distance, or

separation, from God is what God is trying to bridge through faith in Yeshua. Yeshua is God in human form. He serves as your intercessor and yet is your direct relationship with God. Once Yeshua atoned for the world's sins, each of our sins, we can now go directly and personally into the Holy place of God without fear. We can, in the name of Yeshua, have a personal relationship with God.

John 14:9-12

⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. ¹² I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing.

Believers in Yeshua know through the testimony of God that they will be with Him forever in paradise. The knowledge of having eternal life after this fleeting life on Earth is the best win ever. If you on this earth learn you are to inherit millions of dollars, your current money problems would seem less of a concern. Believers know that they will inherit all of God's infinite riches. They, therefore, can live without the pressure to become rich, powerful, famous or successful because these fleeting rewards are meaningless compared to the eternal success of being in God's presence forever. Believers can still strive to be all they can be here on earth, but they already know that they have won the true meaning of life, and so the effort to attain worldly success is tempered with the perspective that it is fleeting and will mean naught in God's Kingdom.

Let me share some scriptures, Jewish concepts, and insight that support Yeshua being the Messiah of our people and the nations.

SIN AND BLOOD ATONEMENT ARE JEWISH CONCEPTS

Ezra 9:14

O LORD, God of Israel, you are righteous! We are left this day as a remnant. Here we are before you in our guilt, though because of it not one of us can stand in your presence.”

Ezekiel 18:4

⁴For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son—both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die.

Perhaps you do not see yourself as a SINNER. You may be content with yourself, your lifestyle, and relationships. You may give generously to charities. Most Jewish people live decent lives: we often pursue advanced education, work hard in our careers, pay taxes, marry, raise families, and celebrate the primary Jewish holidays. In our eyes, we are basically good citizens.

In God's eyes, we are sinners. Sin is disobedience to him and his laws. Though sin often times are violations of a society's moral principles (such as addiction to alcohol, drugs, prostitution, stealing, and abusive behavior). There are sins in God's eyes that are culturally tolerated behaviors

(worshipping another being or philosophy that is not the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, making vows in God's name and then renegeing, harboring bitterness, focusing on obtaining power or money, idolizing a person or material wealth,).

Exodus 20: 3, 7

³ You shall have no other gods before me. . . .⁷You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God's simple command to not eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. He provided all sorts of other food-bearing trees and plants, and asked them to simply obey this command. But they did not. God knew it would not have been kind to allow his human creations to live eternally as disobedient beings to His will, so they were expelled to live outside of Eden where death would befall human bodies. The deadly consequences of sin would soon become apparent. To Adam God said,

Genesis 3:19

¹⁹ "By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

Thankfully, the physical body dies, but our true essence--God's breath of life-- our spirit-- lives beyond the physical body to one day face our Maker and Father to be judged.

Interestingly, God killed an animal for its skin to clothe Adam and Eve. The first animal sacrifice for sin!

God gave the laws of animal blood sacrifice to our forefathers as a temporary system to pay the penalty of sin.

Exodus 30:10

¹⁰...this annual atonement must be made with the blood of the atoning sin offering for the generations to come. It is most holy to the LORD."

Leviticus 17:11

¹¹ For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

In Leviticus we learn that the shedding of blood only can atone for our sins. The death of an animal would be the temporary substitute for the death sin causes in a human. The laws of animal sacrifice were given to our people as a temporary system to pay the penalty of sin.

KING DAVID KNEW HE WAS A SINNER

Our beloved King David knew that he was not worthy of salvation from deserved judgment of sins, and knew he needed the grace (underserved mercy) of God to obtain it.

Psalm 51:10-14

¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. ¹⁴ Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me...

King David was known as a man after God's own heart. God first seeks people of His own heart before he establishes them in His Kingdom. King David knew that salvation came only from God.

2 Samuel 7:16

(God to King David) ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.

2 Samuel 7:18-21

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said: Who am I, O Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? ¹⁹ And as if this were not enough in your sight, O Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant. Is this your usual way of dealing with man, O Sovereign LORD? ²⁰ "What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Sovereign LORD. ²¹ For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.

BLOOD ATONEMENT APPLIES TODAY

The perfect sacrifice was made 2000 years ago. All we have to do is accept it. Can you see how generous and loving God is by no longer requiring you and me to purchase animals for sacrifice anymore? His Holy blood is sufficient to atone for mankind's sins!

God so loved the world, that to redeem us from sin's bondage and the judgment of death, he allowed himself as God in human form—Yeshua—to be killed, to provide the final, perfect sacrifice for sin.

HOW CAN ONE MAN'S DEATH BE THE ATONEMENT FOR US ALL?

Yeshua was no ordinary man. He was God on earth as man. Our creator who creates all life and who can end all life, withheld his power to end the lives of his taunters and executors so that his plan to be the perfect, everlasting blood atonement would succeed.

Unlike animal sacrifices, which needed to be repeated over and over, the one-time sacrifice of a sinless creator (the source of each of our lives!) is the perfect sacrifice to atone for each persons' sins. The creator of each of us, all the animals, the earth, and the universe chose to experience this world as Yeshua, a man of humble birth and life. He resisted Satan's temptations to sin. He then allowed Jews

and Gentiles (Romans) to shed his blood as an atonement for all human sin--past, present, and future. To all who would accept the substitute sacrifice of Yeshua's as their own, God would save them from judgment. By faith in Yeshua, we will be credited with the righteousness of the perfect Yeshua. This gift of forgiveness of sins through faith is called grace (undeserved mercy), and it is a gift that was offered first to the Jews, because of our special covenants with God.

God so loved the human race that He died for us. His Holiness required that sin be judged by death. His immense love for us prompted Him to suffer and die in our place. He took on the sin debt of the world. But to experience this gift, we must do what is so simple but is at the same time so difficult...to accept Yeshua in faith as your savior from God's judgement, and receive forgiveness of your sins so you may live with God for eternity in the Kingdom of God.

Hebrews 10:8-14

⁸ First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them” (although the law required them to be made). ⁹ Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Yeshua HaMashiach once for all. ¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. ¹³ Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, ¹⁴ because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

YESHUA IS HOW GOD WOULD BLESS THE WORLD THROUGH ABRAHAM

Genesis 12:1-3

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Israel is the first nation created by God for the purpose of revealing God’s plan to restore his Kingdom of Heaven on earth. He promised our founding father Abraham that his seed would bless all nations on earth. Indeed, Jews have been a prolific resource of great human achievement. Though our people have excelled and provided a legacy of innovations in all fields of human endeavors, God was referring to a blessing more eternal...a Messiah to save all nations from the punishment of our sins!

FULLFILLING GOD’S PURPOSE FOR THE JEWS:

THE ETERNAL REDEMPTION OF THE HUMAN RACE THROUGH FAITH IN THE JEWISH MESSIAH

Most profoundly, God’s formidable blessings to the world through the Jewish people extend beyond this earthly life...it is eternal life of our true essence—our spirit. In fact, the purpose behind God’s relationship with the Jews is to lead all His children, Jews and Gentiles, out of the captivity of sin’s death, and into the freedom of eternal life in the righteousness found only in the Kingdom of God.

Our true blessing to the world, the one we Jews should be most united by, most humbled by, and most directed by, is that through our people God chose to give the world His one and only Son, Yeshua HaMashiach. We Jews were selected to be the birth nation of the Jewish Messiah who would atone for the sins of the human race so we could live eternally with our sinless Creator. The sin (disobedience to God’s Holiness) that began with Adam and Eve continues in the hearts and actions of every human born after them.

Consider the simplicity of God's plan of using a proxy to redeem the Hebrews from the deadly snakebites. Recall that the Hebrews who had witnessed God's miracles in freeing them from Egypt began complaining about God and Moses. To punish them, he removed his protection from the desert snakes and many died.

Numbers 21:8-9

⁸ The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

The bronze snake was the color and the form of the poisonous serpents, but it was venom-less. Yeshua was in the form of sinful man, but was sinless. God's method of substitutionary healing from the poisonous snakes is a type for the future substitutionary plan to heal us of our sins. Do not be deceived in thinking that as descendants of Abraham we do not have to accept God's plan for the permanent atonement of sin.

John 3:14-15

¹⁴ (Yeshua said) Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man, (Yeshua) must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

God provided the plan, but we make the choice to accept the plan and look to Yeshua on the Tree just as the Hebrews had to choose to look at the bronze serpent on the pole.

THE SIN OF ADAM AND EVE IN OUR OWN LIFE

In Torah we learn that God exiled Adam and Eve from the garden paradise of Eden to prevent them from eating from the Tree of Life. He did not want the human heart to live contaminated with sin forever. Would you really want to live forever in a world of constant fear of war, disease, terrorism, emotional distress and separation from God?

Genesis 3:22-24

²² And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." ²³ So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴ After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

Through faith in Messiah as the atonement for our sins, Believers will be allowed to return the paradise of God, and eat of the fruit of the Tree of Life.

Revelation 2:7

⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the congregations of Believers. To him who overcomes, I (Messiah) will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

When you accept Yeshua as Messiah, you deny yourself as the moral judge, and accept God as the judge of your life. In essence, you are undoing the original sin of Adam and Eve, which each of us commits (because we want to be like God in discerning and judging good and evil for ourselves). By repenting/ turning away from our own will in order to accept Messiah's will as our own, God credits us with Yeshua's righteousness.

Just as Abraham believed God, and his faith was credited to him as righteousness, then when we believe God and accept the blood atonement of our Jewish Messiah, we are then credited with Yeshua's perfect righteousness over our own sinful state.

Genesis 15:6

⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Even though we still sin while living on earth, we grow ever more like Yeshua because of the rebirth of our flesh into spiritual life. God sees us as what we will be in heaven—righteous and pure. When we enter the eternal Kingdom of God, God will transform us into the likeness of His Son. When we choose to love Him, we give Him permission to change our hearts. This is what it means to accept Yeshua, our Messiah. We are choosing God's plan of salvation from judgement of death for our sins. We give God permission to transform us into a person who, through the power of his Holy Spirit dwelling within us, so that sin will not enter heaven's gate.

Jews do not escape judgment of sin just because they are God's Chosen. Jews were so beloved by God as his First Son/Nation that they were given the privilege to be the first to accept Messiah's atonement. We will discuss this in the next section.

A BORN AGAIN LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

All Believers in Messiah, Jews and Gentiles, are reborn of God's own Spirit. God prophesized that he would make a new covenant with his people before he permanently judged the world. He fulfilled His prophecy of replacing the laws on stone tablets by placing His laws on our hearts. He gave us His own Spirit so that we could fight the fight of faith through God's own power. In Ezekiel as an example:

Ezekiel 36:24

²⁴ "For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. ²⁸ You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ I will save you from

all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you.

Both Jewish and Gentile Believers in Messiah enter into the Spiritual Kingdom of God, the Eternal Kingdom of David, by a changed heart. Those who choose to become citizens of God's Kingdom through faith in Messiah are rewarded with everlasting life in a restored spiritual Garden of Eden. The City of David, Jerusalem, will be the center of Jewish life again, without the fear of enemies. We will come home to God where He will provide a safe haven filled with all we need forever.

Believers are equipped with the Holy Spirit, the author of the scriptures, to convict us and teach us as we read the scriptures. Thus, the Torah and the scriptures come alive as the Living Word of God written specifically for you, our Jewish people, and all the nations.

In addition, Believers are given spiritual vision and spiritual armor to fight the fight of faith against spiritual enemies. The spiritual vision is necessary to see the spiritual realm co-existing in the physical world. The Kingdom of David is a Kingdom where the territory we fight is in the hearts and souls of unbelievers. The hill we fight to take is the hill of unbelief and pride that fights against the truth of our Messiah and His redeeming love for you and for other non-believers. With the power of God's Spirit you can do more for Israel's redemption through your prayers than can be done through military might.

JESUS IS THE JEWISH MESSIAH FOR JEWS FIRST, THEN THE GENTILES

Empathetically, let me say that I understand the stigma attached to the name Jesus Christ. Jews feel He is the God of a Gentile religion, alien to our Jewish religion. As a Jew, at one time I had to personally overcome misgivings, fear, and loss of family and friends upon accepting Jesus as Yeshua HaMashiac. Thankfully, my relationships with family have been restored. I know that many Jews want an intimate relationship with God. Many want to accept Yeshua as their Jewish Messiah, but do not want to assimilate into what seems to be a gentile religion. Emotional fears and intellectual challenges rob them of their spiritual birthright through their Jewish Messiah.

Jesus' Hebrew birth name was Yeshua, which means eternal salvation. Yeshua was a Jew. He grew up in Judea. His parents were Jewish. His relatives were Jewish. His first followers were Jewish. He grew up worshipping in synagogues. He taught as a Rabbi in the synagogues. He even taught in the great second Temple in Jerusalem. He taught salvation was from the Jews. He taught about the glory of the Kingdom of God which was a spiritual Kingdom in the transformed hearts of His followers. Yeshua taught that we should honor and obey the Jewish laws, prophets and scriptures that were from God.

Matthew 5:18-19

¹⁸ [Yeshua said] I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Yeshua taught that our love for God and God's love for us were the fulfillment of Jewish law and prophets. He led all his disciples to follow the will of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He

declared the Torah and Prophets to be the everlasting scriptures of God. Yeshua came from heaven as the perfect image of God, God with us, and our gateway into the eternal Kingdom of God.

Yeshua recognized that the Jews were invited first to accept him as Messiah. A Canaanite woman asked him to heal her daughter of demon-possession:

Matthew 15:24, 26

²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel...It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to their dogs”.

The woman pleaded for him to help, responding that even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table. Yeshua responded to her faith in him, saying, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.”

When Yeshua was born in Bethlehem, Israel had undergone over 400 years of exile and occupation by pagan people. In Yeshua’s time, Israel was occupied by the Romans who despised our faith and sacred places of worship. It was only normal that many Jewish people and religious leaders were looking for a Messiah who would be a physical warrior King to end foreign occupation by military might. Many Jews of Yeshua’s day missed seeing Him as the Messiah, as many Jews do today, because they were and still are looking for physical freedom versus eternal spiritual freedom. To God, our spiritual freedom from sin, death, and Satan is far more important than our temporary physical freedom here on earth.

MESSIAH WOULD SUFFER AS OUR PEOPLE SUFFER:

In the Nevi’im (Prophets), Isaiah had prophesized that our Messiah would come first to suffer as a blood atonement for our sins before returning to judge the world and set up His eternal throne in the City of David.

Isaiah 53:1-5

¹Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

THE TRINITY (TRI-UNITY) OF GOD THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

Yeshua himself confirmed the Lord is one by reciting the Shema. When one of the teachers of the law asked him which commandment was the most important. Yeshua answered:

Mark 12:29

²⁹ “The most important one, “ answered Yeshua, “is this: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

Deuteronomy 6:4

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

In Torah, we see God’s evolving revelation of himself. He never changes but he reveals more of Himself through the history of our people. In Torah, God gives us clues (types, or spiritual examples) to His nature as three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Is not your mother but one woman who is mother, daughter, and homemaker?

Is not one minute comprised of 60 seconds? One month comprised of 30 or 31 days?

In the new covenant writings, which are actually the Holy Spirit inspired, Messianic writings of the Jewish followers and disciples of Yeshua, God reveals himself as Son and the Holy Spirit directly. However, he did reveal these persons of himself in the Old Covenant writings. God is infinite and Believers will continue to learn his nature for ever.

As one of many examples of this revelation in the Torah, let us look at God’s evolving revelation as the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the House of Israel.

God is first called the God of Abraham, the Father of our nation. Later after the birth of the miracle son, Isaac to Abraham and Sarah, God is then called the God of Abraham and Isaac. From Isaac and Rebecca, Esau and Jacob are born. Jacob desired and was bestowed the blessing of his father Isaac. Then God was known in Torah as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob wrestled with God and God changed Jacob’s name to Israel. Israel had twelve sons who become the Tribes of the House of Israel. Then in Torah, God is called the God of the House of Jacob or Israel.

God was always the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and the House of Israel. God is everlasting and does not change with the human births of Abraham’s descendants. Only further revelation of himself occurs as the history of our people and the nations unfold throughout history.

Jeremiah 31:33

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God,

This is a direct parallel to God’s evolving revelation of himself as three persons: Father, Son and Spirit. He first more fully revealed himself in our Torah as God the Father. He did reveal himself as the only son to be sacrificed in the story of Abraham. God frequently teaches us in Torah through physical examples that have higher spiritual meanings later revealed in the Messianic Writings (New Covenant) about Himself, Messiah and the Holy Spirit (Ruach HaKodesh).

Recall that God commanded Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, his son of miraculous promise with Sarah. God stopped Abraham from sacrificing Isaac, saying that he himself would provide a lamb for the sacrifice. At that time, God provided a ram for Abraham and Isaac to sacrifice. Centuries later, God fulfilled his promise and sacrificed himself, the Son—Yeshua-- the Lamb of God. God, as Abraham, was willing to sacrifice His one and only Son as the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

The Holy Spirit of God is talked about in the Tanakh. When Yeshua was resurrected from death and returned to Heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit into the hearts of Believers for continuous dwelling, rather than upon them temporarily as occurred with the prophets in the Tanakh.

Through the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, God is spreading His grace to the nations. This is a symbolic parallel to Jacob becoming Israel and his children growing into the Nation of Israel. Israel is symbolic of God's relationship growing from Abraham, to Isaac, to Jacob and then to Israel. Israel is both our Jewish people, and the gentiles who are grafted in by faith in our Messiah.

God's revelation through the physical blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and the House of Israel would become spiritual blessings, revealed through a relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

ALL OF TORAH SPEAKS OF YESHYUA-AN EXAMPLE IN JOSPEH

God taught us through a Torah type that the Jewish Messiah would be rejected by many of His people for a time, and would be more prominently known by his gentile name, and would be the salvation of his people and the gentiles.

The Torah story of Jacob, Joseph, and his brothers will provide a Jewish lesson that reveals the truth about Yeshua and his relationship to the Gentiles and to the Jews. Please update yourself by reading from Genesis 37:3 to the end of Genesis.

Joseph revealed to his brothers a dream that one day they would bow down to him. They developed a great hate for Joseph, especially since their father, Jacob, displayed a special love for Joseph. In their jealousy they sold Joseph as a slave to a group of nomads heading to Egypt.

In Egypt, Joseph was sold as a slave to one of Pharaoh's great officials, Potiphar. Potiphar's wife tried to seduce Joseph to have sex with her. He refused. Despite his innocence he was sentenced to prison. [Sometimes the false accusations of others lead others to believe an innocent person is guilty. We Believers feel the false accusations against Yeshua have made him seem guilty to many Jews then and now.]

God was with Joseph, and eventually he was resurrected from the depth of despair in prison and ascended to rule Egypt, second only to Pharaoh himself. Through the insight of God, Joseph's suffering eventually saved Egypt from a seven year famine that had spread throughout the known world. This famine even affected Jacob's household in the land of Canaan, leading Jacob to send his sons to Egypt to buy food.

Pharaoh gave Joseph an Egyptian (thus, pagan) name. Joseph learned and then spoke the language of these gentile Egyptians. This Hebrew brother, now seemingly gentile and in authority of the greatest gentile kingdom, had been rejected by his elder Hebrew brothers.

Genesis 41:44-45

⁴⁴ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, but without your word no one will lift hand or foot in all Egypt.” ⁴⁵ Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-Paneah and gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphara, priest of On, to be his wife. And Joseph went throughout the land of Egypt.

Joseph, the favorite son of His father, who had been rejected by his brothers, was eventually elevated to head of a gentile kingdom. By this rejection, then descent to humiliation, and then eventual ascension to great power, he ended up saving his Jewish family from starvation and death. Through this true story, God is giving us foresight of Yeshua...the beloved son, the rejected brother, the humiliating Roman execution, the resurrection to Lordship, the renaming with a non-Jewish name, and through saving the gentiles, He saves his Jewish brothers.

Genesis 45:3-7

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

God is revealing to you that Yeshua is your rejected brother, the Messiah. It is now time for you to repent of your rejection and accept Him. Yeshua’s heart is a forgiving heart, even more so than was Joseph’s. Yeshua’s desire is to save you not only from physical starvation, but most importantly, spiritual starvation. Yeshua’s grain is the grain of spiritual everlasting life.

Yeshua is calling you to help redeem the Kingdom of David, through the redemption of your own heart, and then through the hearts of the people whom your new life in Messiah can help God change.

Recall Jonah, one of our Jewish prophets; He was called to preach repentance of sins to the Assyrians, yet he tried to run away from this command of God. He did not want to preach to the Assyrians because he hated the Assyrians for their cruelty and threats to the neighboring Nation of Israel. God showed Jonah that he cared for these people too and wanted them to know the truth about impending judgment. Like Jonah, your hate for the Palestinians, Arabs or other gentiles may be aroused because of their cruel actions or rejections. But they are also children of God. and God desires their repentance and acceptance of the Jewish Messiah. This is why Believers traverse our world preaching salvation through faith in Jesus. They are doing what God has commanded them.

The Scriptures of the New Covenant are an invitation, first to the Jew and then to the Gentile, to repent of their sins and enter the Kingdom of God through faith in Yeshua HaMashiac. Our Messiah came to the Jews first, and preached in our synagogues and temples. We are special to God, but we also need to repent of our sins and look to our Jewish Messiah for the eternal redemption of our souls and our nation of Israel. As the elder Nation Son of God our inheritance is a double portion, but we have to accept the inheritance which is found in our faith in Messiah!

FAIRLY EVALUATING THE GOSPEL?

If you want to know the unbiased truth of a Democratic candidate, would you confer with the Chairman of the National Republican party?

If you want a fair trial, would you fill the jury panel with the victim's or prosecution's relatives?

Each person must seek the truth of this most vital question for themselves. An individual's eternal future depends on one's own decision. Ask God for wisdom. Read the Holy Bible for yourself. Ask questions of both Jewish Believers in Messiah and Jews who do not believe.

Rabbis are fallible human beings. Even Believers in Yeshua will sin until the day God transforms them permanently into the perfect likeness of Yeshua. Zealousness for a cause is not proof of the cause. If this were true, the Islamic extremists would be considered the truth because of their extreme measures of zealousness. The Jewish Tenach (the Christian Old Testament) is full of examples where God's Levite priests were wrong in their actions and attitudes to God. Even Aaron--Moses' voice to Pharaoh, and our founding father of the Jewish priesthood—angered God by helping the people create the Golden Calf to worship.

Unfortunately our Jewish collective psyche is frequently more influenced by our fight to survive the continual attempts by many nations to destroy us rather than considering how we are to bless the nations. Anti-Semitic intimidation, violence and scourging have served to unite us throughout the ages. Jews share a hard-earned pride in the knowledge that we are survivors and chosen by God for a purpose. This is one reason many Jews have not seen the first coming of their Messiah, almost 2000 years ago, as part of their purpose, passion, and calling. They are like many of their brothers and sisters in Yeshua's day looking for temporary military victory over the more permanent victory of entering the spiritual Kingdom of God and through Messiah to inherit God's permanent Shalom and Sabbath rest.

God called for Abraham to leave his family and nation to do his will over the religious leaders of his time. Yeshua ("God With Us") called his first disciples (known as Apostles or Emissaries) to leave their lives of sins. He offered them freedom from the burdensome manmade laws and teachings of the religious leaders to follow Him into the Kingdom of God. You must answer God's calling for you to accept the Messiah out of your own faith that develops from knowledge of the truth.

GOD IS SPIRIT WHO SEEKS WORSHIPERS IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

The blessings of this world last only until we die. The blessings of Yeshua our Messiah, are everlasting. The Kingdom of God is a Kingdom of spiritual truth and not a physical place.

John 4:22

(Yeshua said) ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we (Jews) worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

Believers will one day be resurrected and live as eternal spiritual bodies. Those who come to the Jewish Messiah will be written in the Book of Life and live an eternal life in the presence of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Yeshua was first promised to our world during the time of Adam and Eve. Yeshua has always been God's plan for atonement of sin and restoration of His people to Himself. Yeshua, God himself in human form, was born into our world as a Jewish man, to conquer the father of evil--Satan.

UNDERSTANDING THE SPIRITUAL CAUSE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

Immediately after Adam and Eve sinned, God prophesied that one day a child would be born from Eve's lineage who would overcome the destructive influence of Satan and reestablish God as King of our hearts and minds:

Genesis 3:14

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,
"Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Satan is a fallen angel of God. Satan and other fallen angels (now called demons) rebelled against God in Heaven. Satan hates God because he wanted to be God and rule the Heavens and the Earth. God threw him and the other rebellious angels out of Heaven to the earth, thus lowering Satan's status. Satan and his demonic entourage reacted with permanent resentment towards God and the human family He had created to love Him and be loved by Him. When God began his human family with the creation of Adam and Eve in his image, Satan succeeded to bring disharmony between God and his beloved new children. What better way is there to hurt a Father than to hurt his children? Throughout the ages Satan continually tempts God's beloved children to disobey Him.

In addition to hating God, Satan especially hates our Jewish people because through the Jews God blessed the world with knowledge of His Laws and the birth of our Messiah. Satan does not want the Jewish people to enter the Kingdom of God. He has succeeded in blinding many of God's chosen people to not recognize Yeshua as their Messiah, as he has successfully done with so many other people world-wide for two millennium. Satan hates the Jews, and his lies and influence on the world have been the fundamental cause of all anti-Semitism. Satan has wooed people to wage many atrocities in Jesus' name against our people.

Human sin does not fully end by accepting our Jewish Messiah as our savior from God's wrath. There have been times when Church leaders and individual Christians have been instruments of Satan's hate for the Jews. Some in the Church have been misled to believe that God has replaced His relationship and covenant with the Jewish people with the Gentile Church. This has led to anti-Semitic actions and national laws, such as the Inquisition, Pogroms and Holocaust. These acts of hate and defamation are the spiritual works of Satan through people who succumb to his temptation because his voice is so compelling that they mistake it to be that of God. Human pride and disbelief in God and his Word

are the core source of human sin. Even Believers in our Jewish Messiah are susceptible to commit terrible sins because the temptations of the flesh often drown out the voice of God's Spirit.

Some Jews believe that Yeshua was anti-semitic because of this verse when he addressed Jews who did not see him as the Messiah:

John 8:44

⁴⁴ You belong to your father, the devil.

He used the same harsh language to his beloved apostle Peter. Actually, he addressed Peter as Satan:

Matthew 16:21-23

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things...and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! you are a stumbling block to me; you do not have the mind the things of God, but the things of men."

Peter's concern was the vehicle for Satan's scheme to try to tempt Yeshua an escape from God's plan, thus preventing the fulfillment of Yeshua suffering and dying and becoming the final, perfect atonement.

Please do not judge and reject your Jewish Messiah, Yeshua, based on the actions of people. Instead, focus your attention on our Heavenly Father, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and His promises in the Holy Scriptures.

Isaiah 55:8-9

⁸"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Eve was tempted by Satan in the form of a serpent to eat the forbidden fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. We, like Eve, have believed Satan's lie that we can be like God and be able to determine ourselves what is or isn't moral and ethical behavior. The power of Satan and sin is that we experience temporal satisfaction in our desire to be like God and to use our free will to please our lusts. The truth is that only God knows what is truly good and useful for the eternal satisfaction of our souls, emotions and intellects. All the problems we contend with in our world can be directly related to disobedience to God and the decay of the world because of human sin.

THE STATE OF ISRAEL IS PROOF OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO HIS PROMISES

Our God has not deserted us. The modern State of Israel and its survival against the great enemies of God should show you God's continuing faithfulness to our people. In fact, God prophesized that the miraculous formation of modern Israel, and the migration of Jews from all nations to Israel, would be a sign to our people and the whole world that God is faithful and still actively involved in our world.

Jeremiah 16:14-16

¹⁴ "However, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when men will no longer say, 'As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt,' ¹⁵ but they will say, 'As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the Israelites up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them.' For I will restore them to the land I gave their forefathers."(NIV)

JEWS ARE CALLED TO BE WARRIOR PRIESTS AND A LIGHT TO THE GENTILES

The purpose of the Jewish people is to lead other people, first the Jew and then the Gentile, to the atoning sacrifice of Messiah. The Jew is to help both Jew and Gentile accept citizenship in God's eternal Kingdom by showing Messiah's righteousness through his/her own changed life, ministry, and intimate relationship with God.

Exodus 19:5-6

⁵ "...Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Yeshua, our Jewish Messiah, was to be the ultimate Jewish light to the Gentiles to bring salvation first to the Jews and then to the Gentiles and graft them into His eternal Jewish Kingdom.

Isaiah 42:6-7

⁶ "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷ to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Isaiah 49:6

⁶ "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

Each person must choose which Kingdom he/she will become an eternal citizen. Jews all over the world must now take a stand for God's plan to restore righteousness through the restoration of His Kingdom in Israel through faith in their Jewish Messiah. We must each follow Abraham's example and live by faith and obedience to God's plan. We are being called out of wrong theology into the truth about Yeshua. As I have shared through Torah and the Prophets, our battle is not simply with the

Arabs and anti-Semites, but with the evil spiritual principalities that control the world. We must be reborn as citizens of the Kingdom of God, and use the power of God's own spirit to defeat God's enemies.

JEWISH IDENTITY IN MESSIAH

Sadly, many Jews have been misled to believe that if they accept Yeshua as their Messiah they are giving up their Jewish identity. Nothing could be more false. This is a lie perpetuated by Satan to keep God's people from receiving their true blessing of eternal life and leadership in the Kingdom of God.

The Messianic Jewish movement is part of the army of God's new Kingdom. Jewish and Gentile believers in Messiah who choose to live by Biblical Judaism, which is the Judaism created by God as revealed in scripture. Messianic Jews cherish their Jewish identities, and celebrate the Jewish holidays. We worship and praise the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in synagogues. We look to Israel as our great blessing, and future eternal homeland.

The eternal Kingdom of God is a Jewish Kingdom. The spiritual Kingdom of David will be everlasting. All nations who choose to worship our God will celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles and will live in a City inscribed by the name of the Twelve Tribes of Israel and the Twelve Jewish Emissaries of Messiah. For Believers in Messiah, the Jewish laws and morality of Torah are no longer written just on stone tablets, but on the hearts of each Jewish and Gentile Believer.

Zechariah 14:16-19

¹⁶ Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁷ If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, they will have no rain. ¹⁸ If the Egyptian people do not go up and take part, they will have no rain. The LORD will bring on them the plague he inflicts on the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles. ¹⁹ This will be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

Yeshua was, is, and always will be our Jewish Messiah. He was a human descendant of King David, and at the same time, the spiritual Son of God. This is why Miriam was a virgin when she conceived Yeshua through God's Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit). Millions of our Jewish people have recognized Yeshua as the Jewish Messiah and have become Messianic Jews. They have entered the Kingdom of God through a spiritual rebirth. Messianic Jews are priests and warriors for God. The Kingdom of David grows as each of God's chosen people chooses citizenship in it through faith in their Jewish Messiah.

Again, on behalf of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, our Jewish Messiah, Yeshua HaMashiach, and God's Holy Spirit, the Ruach HaKodesh, I invite you to join the Kingdom of God. Your birthright as a Jew is to receive forgiveness of your sins through faith in Messiah and become a royal child of God in His everlasting Kingdom being built one changed heart at a time.

If you are prepared to become one of God's spiritual children through faith in your Messiah, and enter the Kingdom of God, then please read the following prayer with all your heart, soul, and mind. Then

share your decision with a Believer who can help guide you in your new everlasting life of power and spiritual vision as a Messianic Jew.

PRAY OF REDEMPTION IN MESSIAH

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I realize that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and seek your righteousness over my own. I believe that Yeshua is my Jewish Messiah and the permanent blood atonement for my sins. I believe he was resurrected from death on the Tree to everlasting life as God and King. I ask Yeshua to send His Ruach HaKodesh into my heart to transform me into His likeness. I wish to enter the Kingdom of God and lead my life as warrior priest to help others see through my changed life that Yeshua is the Jewish Messiah, King and Savior for both Jews and Gentiles. Amen

God and all His angels are celebrating your new everlasting life in God's Kingdom. Please call or tell a Believer of your decision to acknowledge Yeshua as your Messiah.

Love in Messiah!

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